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SUBJECT: US-USSR CONSULTATIONS ON GRAINS

1. WASHINGTON POST ON MAY 14 CARRIED BRIEF STORY INDICATING SOVIET OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW HAD CONFIRMED A SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTATIONS ON GRAINS.

2. IF ASKED, DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN (MAY 19) PLANS RESPOND AS FOLLOWS TO PRESS INQUIRY:

Q: IS A SOVIET DELEGATION COMING TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS GRAIN SALES?

A: ARTICLE 8 OF THE US-USSR AGREEMENT ON THE SUPPLY OF GRAIN CONCLUDED ON OCTOBER 20, 1975 CALLS FOR SEMI-ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS STARTING SIX MONTHS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT. THE FIRST REGULAR, BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 24 AND 25 BETWEEN SOVIET
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AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

3. IF ASKED, EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON PARA 2 TO CONFIRM
CONSULTATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE. FURTHER QUESTIONS SHOULD

BE DIRECTED TO DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE IN WASHINGTON. ROBINSON

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